

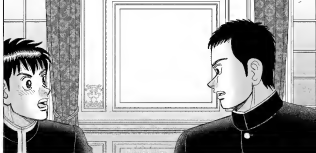


OH, CRAP,  
I'M  
VANISHING!

YIKES...

**Credit 149: The Mysterious Boy**







BUT NO MATTER  
HOW GOOD A  
BUSINESS SUZUKI  
MERCANTILE MIGHT  
BE, EVEN IF IT  
SHOWS PROMISE OF  
GROWTH, I CAN'T  
BUY ITS STOCK IF  
IT'S NOT ON THE  
MARKET.



THE BANK  
ISN'T  
DOMESTIC,  
BUT THEY'RE  
RELYING ON  
A TAIWANESE  
BANK WITH  
WHICH THEY  
HAVE A DEEP  
CONNECTION.

THEY'VE  
BORROWED  
FROM THE  
BANK TO  
INVEST  
MORE  
CAPITAL.



HE HAS  
STRONG WILL  
AND A SENSE  
THAT HE'S DOING  
IT ALL FOR THE  
SAKE OF THE  
SUZUKI FAMILY.  
HE DOESN'T  
ACCEPT THE IDEA  
OF PAYING  
DIVIDENDS TO  
STOCK HOLDERS  
THAT FUND  
HIM.

I WARNED  
KANEKO-SAN  
ABOUT THAT,  
BUT HE  
WOULDN'T  
HEAR ME OUT.



BY NIXING THE STOCK MARKET, THEY'VE CHOSEN TO SHUT DOWN THE PATH TO PROCURE FUNDING. IT SEEMS THEY WILL GET BURDENED WITH FINANCIAL PROBLEMS IN THE FUTURE.



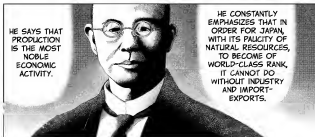
HOWEVER, THINGS SHOULD BE STABLE WHILE KANEKO-SAN CONTINUES WITH HIS SHREWD BUSINESS MANAGEMENT.

THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THAT IS THEIR ACHILLES HEEL LIES.



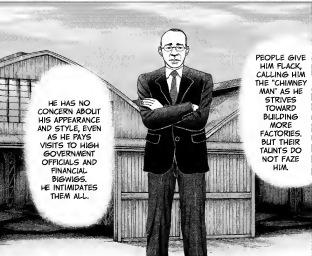
HIS INSIGHTFULNESS AND DYNAMISM ARE ESPECIALLY WONDERFUL.

HIS ATTRACTIVENESS IS IN HIS HUMANENESS.



HE SAYS THAT PRODUCTION IS THE MOST NOBLE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY.

HE CONSTANTLY EMPHASIZES THAT IN ORDER FOR JAPAN, WITH ITS PAUCITY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, TO BECOME OF WORLD-CLASS RANK, IT CANNOT DO WITHOUT INDUSTRY AND IMPORT-EXPORTS.



HE HAS NO CONCERN ABOUT HIS APPEARANCE AND STYLE, EVEN AS HE PAYS VISITS TO HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND FINANCIAL BIGWIGS. HE INTIMIDATES THEM ALL.

PEOPLE GIVE HIM FLACK, CALLING HIM THE "CHIMNEY MAN" AS HE STRIVES TOWARD BUILDING MORE FACTORIES. BUT THEIR TALENTS DO NOT FAZE HIM.



INDEED, HE'S THE KIND OF CHARACTER WHO BUILDS THE FOUNDATIONS OF AN ERA.

HIS POWER TO CONVINCE PEOPLE IS SECOND TO NONE. PEOPLE SAY, "NO ONE CAN MATCH KANEKO-SAN IN A ONE-ON-ONE DEBATE."











HE HAD  
SOMEHOW  
WANDERED  
IN FROM  
ANOTHER  
WORLD.

HE GAVE  
ME THE  
FEELING  
THAT...



HOW DID  
HE GET  
INSIDE  
OUR  
MANSION?

WHAT?  
WHO  
ELSE  
COULD  
HE BE?



WHAT A  
MYSTERIOUS  
BOY.



ANOTHER  
WORLD?  
THAT'S  
CRAZY.



AND  
YET, I  
CANNOT  
HELP BUT  
THINK  
THAT.

I  
KNOW  
IT'S  
CRAZY...



I WISH I  
COULD SEE  
HIM AGAIN,  
AND TALK  
WITH HIM.



I'LL BE IN  
TROUBLE IF  
I DON'T  
VANISH  
SOON.



HOW MUCH  
LONGER WILL  
I HAVE TO  
WALK WITH  
HIM?



OF COURSE  
RYUGORO  
KNOWS I'M  
NOT HIS  
LITTLE  
BROTHER.



YES?



HEY,  
YOU.







IT'LL MAKE A  
PROFIT IN THE  
"TRIPLE NATION  
IMPORT-  
EXPORT," A WAY  
OF SHIPPING  
THAT BYPASSES  
JAPAN, WHICH  
WILL BE DONE  
BETWEEN  
FOREIGN  
COUNTRIES.



THERE'S NO  
ESCAPING  
NOW.



OF COURSE,  
IT'S NOT  
GOING TO  
HAPPEN ANYTIME  
SOON; IT'LL BE  
WAY IN THE  
FUTURE. AND  
UNTIL THEN, IT  
WILL GROW  
LIKE CRAZY.



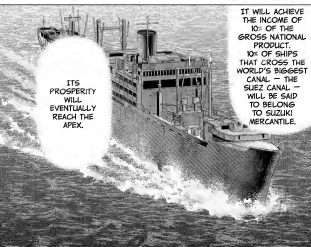
IT WILL  
VENTURE  
OUT TO THE  
WORLD TO  
BUY AND  
SELL, AND  
MAKE AN  
ENORMOUS  
PROFIT.

IT WILL  
CREATE A UNIQUE  
METHOD CALLED  
"WHOLE-SHIP  
SALE," WHICH  
INVOLVES  
SELLING BOTH  
THE SHIP AND  
CARGO AS  
ONE LUMP  
PACKAGE.



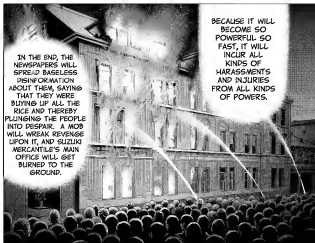
SUZUKI  
MERCANTILE  
WILL RISE TO  
BECOME  
JAPAN'S  
NUMBER ONE  
CONGLOMERATE  
BUSINESS.

EVENTUALLY  
IT WILL GROW  
TO BECOME A  
POWERFUL  
CONGLOMERATE  
THAT WILL EVEN  
OVERWHELM  
MITSUI AND  
MITSUBISHI



ITS  
PROSPERITY  
WILL  
EVENTUALLY  
REACH THE  
APEX.

IT WILL ACHIEVE  
THE INCOME OF  
10% OF THE  
GROSS NATIONAL  
PRODUCT.  
10% OF SHIPS  
THAT CROSS THE  
WORLD'S BIGGEST  
CANAL - THE  
SUEZ CANAL -  
WILL BE SAID  
TO BELONG  
TO SUZUKI  
MERCANTILE.







IN THE DISTANT  
FUTURE.. WILL  
THAT COMPANY  
CALLED LIVE DOOR  
GET RUINED BY  
THE JEALOUS  
GOVERNMENT AND  
PREEXISTING  
POWERS, BECAUSE  
IT GREW TOO  
FAST?



YES.



IT'LL  
STILL BE A  
WHACK-A-  
MOLE,  
HORIZONTAL  
SIDE-BY-SIDE  
COUNTRY.

EVEN A  
HUNDRED  
YEARS FROM  
NOW, JAPAN  
WILL STILL BE  
A SOCIETY OF  
JEALOUSY.







A PERSON  
WHO  
SHOULDN'T  
EXIST IN THIS  
TIME IS NOW  
HERE. PEOPLE  
WOULD  
NORMALLY BE  
SURPRISED.

BECAUSE I'M  
FROM THE  
FUTURE.



...I DON'T  
THINK IT'S  
BIZARRE AT  
ALL.

MAYBE  
NORMALLY  
SO, BUT...



WOW.

IT'S NOT  
STRANGE AT  
ALL THAT A  
HUMAN BEING  
COULD  
TRANSCEND  
TIME AND  
TRAVEL TO  
THE PAST.

THERE ARE  
ALL KINDS OF  
UNEXPLAINED  
PHENOMENA  
IN THE  
WORLD.



I REMEMBER/  
IT WAS WHEN  
ONO-KUN  
INTRODUCED  
ME TO  
HARA-KUN!



I SENSED  
YOUR  
PRESENCE  
ONCE  
BEFORE.

I  
REMEM-  
BER  
NOW.



LET'S  
SEE...



Y... YES.

YOU WERE  
THERE AT  
THAT TIME,  
WEREN'T  
YOU?



HOW  
INTRIGUING!

I SEE!  
SO YOU  
WERE  
THERE.

